

Opposition to More Media Ownership Concentration

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. The FCC manages a public trust resource, and if it approves increasing ownership concentration, its failure to safeguard the public's right to competition and diversity will contribute to the further demise of liberty. But then, it appears that Chairman Powell and the two other Republican-appointed Commissioners have absolutely no regard for what the public thinks. Instead of considering greater concentration, the FCC should be pursuing more restricted ownership than is currently allowed.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on democracy in our republic, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow "We The People" to have a meaningful say in the decisions about managing a resource that we own.

Thank you,

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